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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGUI 1562

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KN, KS, IS, UNGA, CT

SUBJECT: CAR TO REESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

1. CAR PRESIDENT JEAN-BEEEL BOKASSA ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 28 HIS INTENTION TO RE-ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH STATE OF ISRAEL WHICH WERE SUSPENDED FOLLOWING 1973 WAR. NO DATES GIVEN BUT FONMIN FRANCK TOLD CHARGE, WHO PRESENT WITH FOUR OTHER DIPLOMATIC CORPS MEMBERS AND ENTIRE CABINET, THAT IT WOULD BE QUOTE VERY SOON UNQUOTE.

2. BOKASSA MADE STATEMENT AT NOON COCKTAIL AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE PRIMARILY IN HONOR OF SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATION HEADED BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS LEE AT ISRAELI DELEGATION ALSO INTRODUCED, HEADED BY MR. FNU ESCHER NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED AND ALSO COMPOSED OF A RESIDENT ISRAELI BUSINESSMAN.

3. ONLY TWO DAYS BEFTRE BOKASSA ON NATIONAL RADIO HAD BLAMED PETROLEUM PRODUCING COUNTRIES FOR EXCESSIVE INFLATION OF PRICES.

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4. AS PRESIDENT BOKASSA HAS INVITED CHARGE TO ACCOMPANY

HIM WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 1-2 ON OUBANGUI RIVER EXCURSION  
TO HIS NATIVE MONGOUMBA PREFECTURE, HOPE BE ABLE SOUND  
HIM OUT FURTHER ON ISRAELI QUESTION.. OCCASION MAY PRESENT  
ITSELF TO RAISE ZIONISM RESOLUTION WITH  
HIM OR FONMIN AND IN VIEW OF HIS STATEMENT ON CAR/ISRAEL  
RELATIONS TIMING MIGHT BE PROPITIOUS. IF DEPARTMENT  
WISHES PITCH MADE FOR GOCAR SUPPORT ON ZIONISM ISSUE,  
WOULD NEED BY OPENING OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 1 EITHER  
USUN SEPTTEL REFERRED TO PARA SEVEN OF STATE 254186  
OR SEPARATE GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS.

5. ONE APPROACH MIGHT BE PERSONAL MESSAGE TO BOKASSA FROM WHITE  
HOUSE OR SEVENTH FLOOR EXPRESSING APPRECIATION DOR HIS  
TIMELY REAFFIRMATION IN PAST FDW DAYS OF GOCAR SUPPORT  
OF SOUTH KOREA AT THIRTCETH UNGA AND ASKING HIS  
SUPPORT IN OPPOSING ZIONISM RESOLUTION. OBVIOUS  
DANGER IN THIS APPROACH IS THAT BOKASSA WOULD USE IT AS  
OCCASION TO PRESS HIS EARLIER REQUEST TO SEE THE PRESIDENT,  
AND DEPARTMENT MUST DECIDE WHETHER THIS IS RISK WORTH  
TAKING,  
SWING

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